

In re: Simmons et al.  
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### REMARKS

The above claims have been amended to better conform to United States practice.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance and the same is respectfully requested. Any questions that the Examiner may have regarding this correspondence can be directed to the undersigned who may be reached at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,



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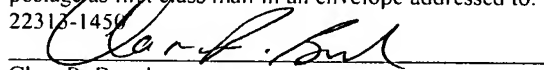


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